Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Communities across America will celebrate the month of May 2003 as National Bicycle Month, the 47th consecutive annual observance; and,

Whereas, Bicycling is an excellent mode of transportation and a great form of recreation; and,

Whereas, Bicycling is a healthy form of exercise and can help to incorporate physical activity into the daily routine; and,

Whereas, Bicycling commuting is an effective means to reduce air pollution and conserve energy; and,

Whereas, It is important to take proper safety precautions when bicycling by wearing a proper fitting helmet and following the rules of the road; and,

Whereas, Bicycling is an excellent way to visit the beautiful sites in your community and on the bicycle trails in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Bicycle clubs, schools, parks and recreation departments, police departments, hospitals, companies and civic groups throughout the nation will be promoting bicycling as a wholesome, leisure activity, and as an environmentally-friendly alternative to the automobile; and,

Whereas, Millions of Americans will experience the joy of bicycling during the month of May through educational programs, community events, trail rides, work day transportation, helmet promotions, charity rides and family activities that everyone can enjoy:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 2003, as

BIKE MONTH

in South Dakota, and I encourage all citizens to enjoy this state's many beautiful bike trails while participating in this healthful activity.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State